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30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28 wherein said measuring is performed by measuring the binding of an antibody to said RKIP motif-containing polypeptide or an antigen-binding fragment thereof.

31. (Withdrawn) A method of identifying an agent that modulates the RKIP-sensitive phosphorylation of a polypeptide, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a system that permits phosphorylation of said polypeptide by an RKIP-sensitive kinase; and
- b) detecting phosphorylation of said polypeptide in the presence and absence of a candidate agent wherein an increase or decrease in phosphorylation is indicative that said agent is a modulator of the RKIP-sensitive phosphorylation of said polypeptide.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31 wherein said RKIP-sensitive kinase is selected from the group consisting of Raf, MEK, ERK, NIK and TAK.

33. (Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting the phosphorylation activity of a signal transduction kinase that binds an RKIP family member, wherein said signal transduction kinase is Raf-1 and MEK, comprising the step of contacting said signal transduction kinase with a polypeptide comprising an RKIP motif.

34-37 (Cancelled)

38. (Withdrawn) A method of treating a disorder that is associated with inappropriate expression or activity of an RKIP family polypeptide comprising administering a